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**Applicant Education**

BA/BS From	<b>Colgate University</b>
Date of BA/BS	<b>May 2019</b>
JD/LLB From	<b>Georgetown University Law Center</b>
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Date of JD/LLB	<b>May 22, 2022</b>
Class Rank	<b>School does not rank</b>
Law Review/Journal	<b>Yes</b>
Journal(s)	<b>Georgetown Journal of International Law</b>
Moot Court Experience	<b>No</b>

**Bar Admission****Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/  
Externships      **Yes**  
Post-graduate Judicial  
Law Clerk      **No**

### **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Recommenders**

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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.**

**Matthew Beckerman**

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14 March 2022

The Honorable Judge Matthew F. Leitman  
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse  
231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Room 249  
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Judge Leitman,

I am a 3L at Georgetown Law, and I am applying for a clerkship in your chambers for the 2023-2024 term. I would welcome the opportunity to apply my legal research and writing skills to the issues in your court. I plan to complete a year-long litigation fellowship in DC following graduation. However, I have long wanted to move away from the East Coast, and a clerkship in Detroit would allow me to establish roots in the Midwest. I am also eager to gain the unparalleled, in-depth perspective of the judicial process that a district-level clerkship would provide.

My time interning for the District Court of New Jersey gave me tremendous insight into the ways judges and clerks reason through difficult legal issues. I worked closely alongside Magistrate Judge Waldor and her clerks to draft memorandum opinions on motions for preliminary injunctions, caption changes, and other legal issues. It also solidified my interest in clerking.

Last semester, I practiced as a student attorney in a housing law clinic, where I gained critical litigation experience, both in researching and writing motions and memoranda, and in arguing in front of a judge. Some of my assignments had very short turnaround times, including a motion that I had to research, write, and submit in less than 24 hours. My work at the clinic improved my confidence in my legal abilities and showed that I was ready to enter the legal field.

This semester, I am interning with the United States International Trade Commission, where I am assisting agency attorneys with cases before US federal courts and WTO arbitration panels, and I will gain even further experience in legal research and writing.

My resume, transcripts, and writing samples are enclosed for review. Letters of recommendation from Professors Rothstein and Foster and Jessica DeStefano, Esq. will arrive under separate cover. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Matthew Beckerman

**MATTHEW BECKERMAN**

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**EDUCATION**

**Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC**

*Juris Doctor* Candidate, May 2022

- *GPA*: 3.87
- *Journal*: *Georgetown Journal of International Law*
- *Honors*: Dean's List (1L Fall, 2L Fall & Spring)
- *Activities*: International Law Society, Environmental Law Society, OutLaw (LGBTQ+ affinity)

**Colgate University, Hamilton, NY**

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in International Relations, with a minor in Classics, May 2019

- *GPA*: 3.78
- *Honors*: Dean's Award with Distinction all semesters

**EXPERIENCE**

**New Jersey Superior Court, Chancery Division, Trenton, NJ**

Incoming Law Clerk to the Honorable Timothy P. Lydon, August 2022–2023

**United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC**

Legal Intern, Spring 2022

- Drafted legal issue memos and briefs to assist in USITC litigation pending at the Court of International Trade, Federal Circuit and WTO arbitration panels
- Analyzed briefs and wrote adequacy and final phase reports to aid attorneys in conducting import injury determinations and sunset reviews

**Rising for Justice Clinic, Washington, DC**

Student Attorney, Fall 2021

- Represented low-income tenants facing eviction in the DC Superior Court's Landlord-Tenant Branch in hearings, mediations, and a trial
- Drafted memoranda on legal issues for my supervising attorney, such as the impact of lump sum inheritance on public housing rent calculations, and wrote motions that were filed with the Court
- Corresponded with opposing counsels and landlords, negotiated settlement agreements, subpoenaed witness testimony, and formed strong working relationships with my clients

**District Court of New Jersey, Newark, NJ**

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Cathy L. Waldor, Summer 2020

- Conducted legal research and wrote memoranda for Magistrate Judge Waldor and law clerks on various legal topics, including the permissibility of taking discovery for absent class members, and whether the defendant can amend the case caption to alter the plaintiff's name
- Drafted an order denying an insurance company a motion to preliminarily enjoin regional hospitals from arbitrating disputes, which the judge later submitted to the Court

**NJ Department of Criminal Justice Financial Crimes Unit, Whippany, NJ**

Intern, Summer 2019

- Audited accounts, redacted sensitive information, compiled witness statements, and helped draft subpoenas to aid NJ Deputy Attorneys General in preparing financial fraud cases for trial

**INTERESTS**

Skiing, Rock Climbing, Jeopardy, David Attenborough Documentaries



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Wilkinson Stekloff

**Adam Storchak**  
Marigold Builders

February 18, 2022

Dear Judge,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Matthew Beckerman as a law clerk in your chambers. I supervised him during his time as a student attorney in Rising for Justice's housing law clinic, during which he represented low-income tenants in eviction proceedings. Matthew has very strong research and writing skills, learns from constructive criticism, and works well under pressure in a fast-paced environment. He would be an excellent law clerk and an asset to your chambers.

Matthew is an extremely skilled writer, and his writing demonstrates his ability to analyze and synthesize legal authority. He explains the issues clearly, concisely, and in an organized manner, and does so at the level of an experienced attorney.

Matthew is a team player who was able to perform at a high level in a practice area that revolves around fast-paced litigation. During his semester in clinic, I called Matthew one evening asking if he could draft a motion in place of a student attorney who had fallen ill. Matthew was not familiar with the case but did not hesitate to jump in. By the next morning, he had submitted a well-written first draft that demonstrated a full understanding of the case and relevant law. By the end of the day, the motion was finalized and ready to file.

Additionally, Matthew is a diligent and passionate advocate for his clients. When Matthew learned one night during a check-in with one of his clients that her family had been sleeping in their car because deteriorating living conditions had forced them out of their apartment, he immediately went to work rectifying the situation. Despite dealing with a particularly challenging opposing counsel, Matthew was able to negotiate to have his

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client and her family put up in a hotel for more than a week at the landlord's expense.

As many law students do, Matthew struggled in the initial weeks of clinic. However, he was good natured when receiving constructive criticism and demonstrated exceptional professionalism in adapting his performance to address all concerns. The amount of learning and development that Matthew achieved in a single semester was remarkable. I have full faith in his legal skills and ability to succeed in this environment, but more importantly, I have no doubt that he is able to rise to any challenge he faces and overcome any adversity with grace and professionalism. He would be an asset to your chambers, and I recommend him unreservedly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JD', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jessica DeStefano, Esq.

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600 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

March 17, 2022

The Honorable Matthew Leitman  
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse  
231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Room 249  
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Judge Leitman:

I write to enthusiastically recommend Matthew Beckerman for a position as your judicial clerk.

Matthew has an extraordinary law school record. He received an A in my Evidence course last year, as he has in almost all of his courses, with the exception of courses that were graded only pass or fail during the height of the pandemic. In those latter courses, he of course received a pass. He is definitely in the top 10% of his class at Georgetown Law, perhaps even higher.

This extraordinary record is not only the result of his dedication and work-ethic, but is also because of his innate intellectual curiosity and strong legal and analytical mind.

Among other outstanding abilities, he seems to have a remarkable memory, including visual memory. He appears able to precisely recall important, relevant (though sometimes even small) details and facts read not only in sources from the course, but also from much, much earlier in his education. I think this would come in handy when examining voluminous transcripts and documents in a judicial or law office position.

He is also an excellent writer. Though he came to law school straight from his undergraduate studies, he writes as though he has spent years honing the craft.

Matthew is also quite creative, always looking to see how older concepts can be applied in new areas of the law. This, as you know, is at the heart of the legal process.

In short, as his stunning law school record shows, he is studious, has an exceptionally bright and inquisitive mind, and has a very promising legal career ahead of him. I believe that he would be an invaluable asset for your chambers.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can tell you anything more you may want to know about Matthew.  
Kindest regards,

/s/  
Paul Rothstein

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Dear Judge Leitman:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Matthew Beckerman's clerkship application. Matthew was a student in my Property Law class in the Spring 2020 semester at Georgetown Law. As you know, most law schools graded on a pass/fail system that term in response to the pandemic, which forced us to move our classes online for the remainder of that semester. Many students struggled with this transition, rendering the final exam an imperfect measure of their performance. Fortunately, I had spent more than two months with the class before the shutdown. Even in a class of 104 students, Matthew was a standout. Matthew sat in the back of the class but was consistently engaging at a remarkably high level of sophistication. I have little doubt that in a normal year, Matthew's exam would have been at the top of the grading curve. Looking at his transcript confirms this assessment. I am not surprised by his impressive performance across the board in core law school doctrinal classes and his presence on the Dean's List in his first and second years.

As a student in my Property Law course, Matthew consistently demonstrated his grasp of, and agility with, complicated doctrinal and conceptual material. Many students find Property to be particularly challenging compared to other common law courses. Matthew, however, seemed to grasp the material at a fundamental level and displayed confidence in his understanding of even the most arcane property doctrines. Over the course of the semester, Matthew distinguished himself as not just analytically adept but also intellectually curious. He was among a small number of students who, without fail, consistently offered sharp and critical insights on the course material. His high level of participation did not drop off when classes were moved online (although he may have been one of limited number of privileged students who were fortunate to "shelter in place" in an environment that posed few distractions).

Matthew's in-class performance was mirrored in his exam performance, which was very strong despite the circumstances. The final exam assessed much of the core of property doctrine but because it was a take-home, open book exam the hypotheticals required students to go beyond just spotting the issues. Students were expected to carefully analyze the facts to identify how they raised novel problems not easily resolved by existing doctrine. Matthew's exam answers evinced an impressive depth of understanding of the most difficult property concepts and adeptness at identifying and parsing the subtleties of legal analysis. His writing was clear and tight, making his exam one of the more pleasurable ones to read.

Based on my experience with Matthew, I have no hesitation in giving him my highest recommendation for a clerkship with you. Matthew exhibits the kind of qualities and skills that would make him a strong clerkship candidate: intellectual curiosity, analytical precision, and clarity in written expression. He was simply a delight to have as a student. Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sheila Foster

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